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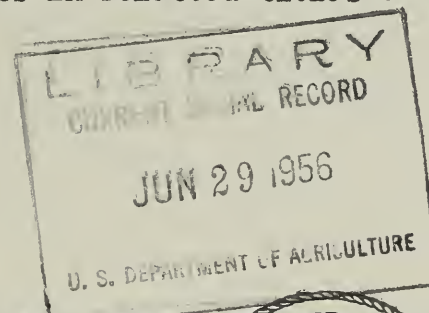
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COLD STORAGE REPORT

Analysis of holdings and space May 31, 1956

Data for this report are collected from public, private, and semiprivate warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants where food products are generally stored for 30 days or more. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All May 31 figures are preliminary.⁷

Commodity summary

May 31 refrigerated warehouse stocks of frozen juices, frozen fruits, frozen vegetables and cheese were above average, according to stock reports received by the Agricultural Marketing Service. Holdings of cream, butter, shell eggs, frozen eggs, poultry, and red meats were below the 1950-55 average for this date. May 31 stocks of orange juice totaled 40 million gallons or about one-third more than the May average. Stocks of frozen fruits, at 282 million pounds, were almost half again as great as the average stocks for this date while frozen vegetable stocks were 17 percent greater than average with 416 million pounds reported in storage on May 31. Warehouse stocks of American cheese amounted to 448 million pounds compared with 321 million, the average for this time of year. May 31 stocks of cream were 5 percent below average for this date with 22 million pounds on hand but holdings of butter, at 81 million pounds, were only two-fifths as great as the average. Although the May seasonal increase in shell egg stocks raised the total to 1.2 million cases, total supply was about 1 million cases short of the average stocks for May 31. Frozen egg stocks were 18 million pounds under average for this date with 138 million pounds in storage. The net disappearance of 14 million pounds of frozen poultry stocks reduced holdings to 119 million pounds which compare with 142 million pounds, the average for May 31. Also below average for the date were warehouse stocks of red meats. Current holdings of 786 million pounds were 5 percent less than average but 6 percent greater than holdings of a year earlier.

Storage occupancy increases during May

Warehouse occupancy of public cooler and freezer space each edged upwards during May by 1 point. On May 31, cooler occupancy was 57 percent and freezer occupancy stood at 64 percent. This time last year, 60 percent of the public cooler space was utilized and 65 percent of the freezer space. Present utilization of both cooler and freezer space is below average for this date by 5 and 7 points, respectively. However, in selected cities occupancy was well above the national use with 80 percent or better reported for either cooler, freezer, or both. These cities are: Boston, New York, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, and Modesto.

General commodity movement

The over-all movement of commodities in both cooler and freezer space was light during May. A net decrease of less than 3 million pounds in cooler and an increase of 87 million pounds in freezer left a total of 1.4 billion pounds in cooler space and 2.4 billion in freezer space. Stocks showing net gains were selected fresh fruits, dried and evaporated fruits, dairy products, eggs, and some meat items. The out-of-storage movement of apples, pears, fresh vegetables, nuts, and selected meats more than offset stock increases for the other cooler items. In freezer space, the stock gains for dairy products, eggs, fruits, and juices were more than sufficient to counter balance reductions in holdings of poultry, vegetables, and red meats.

Frozen fruit and juice stocks increase; fresh fruits and frozen vegetable holdings decrease

Warehouse holdings of frozen orange concentrate, at 40 million gallons, were increased by 10 million gallons during the month. The average May increase is 6 million gallons while average May 31 stocks are 29 million gallons. This time last year, stocks totaled 39 million gallons. Generally, during this time of year warehouse stocks of frozen fruits are reduced by seasonal net withdrawals. This

year stocks were increased from 256 million pounds on April 30 to 282 million pounds on May 31 as a result of a very strong into-storage movement of frozen strawberries. Holdings of strawberries totaled 117 million pounds which represents a gain of about 52 million pounds during May. This seasonal increase brought warehouse stocks of frozen strawberries to a record high for the date. Warehouses were about emptied of fresh apples and pears by May 31. Stocks of apples totaled 1.3 million bushels and pears 42,000 boxes. Net withdrawals of frozen vegetables brought warehouse stocks down to 416 million pounds. The 11 million pound May net reduction was only about one-third as great as the 1955 reduction and 40 percent under average for the date. Current stocks represent the carryover into the new season and the level is the second largest on record. By comparison, average May 31 stocks are 355 million pounds and included in this average is the record carryover of 446 million pounds in 1954.

Stock gains for dairy products and eggs; decrease for poultry

May 31 stocks of dairy products and eggs were up from a month earlier. Holdings of cream at 22 million pounds were up 10 million pounds, 10 percent above that of a year earlier but 5 percent below average. Warehouse stocks of butter totaled 81 million pounds on May 31 for a May gain of 2 million pounds. This time last year a gain of 15 million pounds was reported and stocks totaled 308 million pounds. The average May gain is 27 million pounds. American cheese stocks were up to 448 million pounds which is the third largest on record for this date being exceeded only by the 495 million pounds reported in 1954 and 494 million in 1955. The movement of 555,000 cases of eggs into storage was about one-third short of the average May increase. Total shell egg stocks amounted to 1.2 million cases or about 1 million less than a year earlier. Frozen egg stocks totaled 138 million pounds. The May net increase was 4 million pounds greater than average but 2 million pounds less than May a year ago. Changes in poultry stocks during May occurred primarily in hens and turkeys. Hens were down 5 million pounds to 23 million and turkeys 9 million to 40 million. Stocks of all poultry items were below average for this date except broilers. Frozen poultry in storage totaled 119 million pounds or 16 percent less than average but 10 percent more than stocks of the year before.

Red meat stocks decrease seasonally

Stocks of all red meats were down from a month earlier. Holdings of beef were reduced from 172 million to 157 million pounds during May while pork holdings fell from 510 million to 459 million pounds. Other red meats, veal, lamb, and mutton, etc., were down 9 million pounds to 169 million. May 31, warehouse stocks of beef were 4 percent above average for the date and 32 percent greater than in 1955 while pork holdings were 14 percent under average and 4 percent less than a year earlier. Over-all supply of red meats, 786 million pounds, compares with 740 million in 1955 and 829 million the May 31 average.

Storage outlook

A continuation of the upward trend in cooler occupancy may be expected during June. So far this year, cooler occupancy has been running 3-4 points under average which would place the June 30 occupancy at 58 or 59 percent. This would be the lowest for June 30 since 1949 and about equal to the pre-war occupancy level. Freezer space, too, has been operating well under average during the year. By next month, an occupancy of 64 or 65 percent may be expected.

Table 1. — Net changes in storage holdings during May (1)

Cooler commodities	Holdings May 31, 1956	May net change		Freezer commodities	Holdings May 31, 1956	May net change	
		Quantity	Pct.			Quantity	Pct.
		1,000 lb.	Pct.			1,000 lb.	Pct.
Apples.....	60,720	-124,704	67	Cream.....	22,220	9,961	81
Pears.....	2,000	-4,300	68	Butter, creamery	80,551	1,669	2
Other fresh fruits	8,644	3,125	57	Eggs.....	138,024	43,455	46
Fresh vegetables..	36,241	-15,373	30	Poultry.....	118,560	-14,252	11
Dried & evap. fts.	42,467	4,676	12	Fruits.....	281,784	25,755	10
Nuts & nut meats..	196,771	-18,174	8	Juices.....	538,091	103,124	24
Cheese.....	478,340	22,061	5	Vegetables.....	415,766	-11,434	3
Other dairy prod..	146,550	131,980		Beef.....	150,267	-13,467	8
Shell eggs.....	53,685	24,975	87	Veal.....	14,185	-2,056	13
Dried eggs.....	4,616	1,236	37	Pork.....	377,810	-49,353	12
Beef.....	7,150	-860	11	Lamb and mutton.	8,444	-532	6
Pork.....	81,598	-1,469	2	Edible offal....	54,604	-3,965	7
Sausage.....	9,715	361	4	Sausage.....	5,627	-923	14
Canned meats.....	76,893	-2,231	3	Miscellaneous...	194,542	-1,097	1
Miscellaneous.....	236,341	-23,907	9				
Total.....	1,441,731	-2,604	-	Total.....	2,400,475	86,885	4

(1) For a detailed breakdown see the tables that follow.

NET WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES

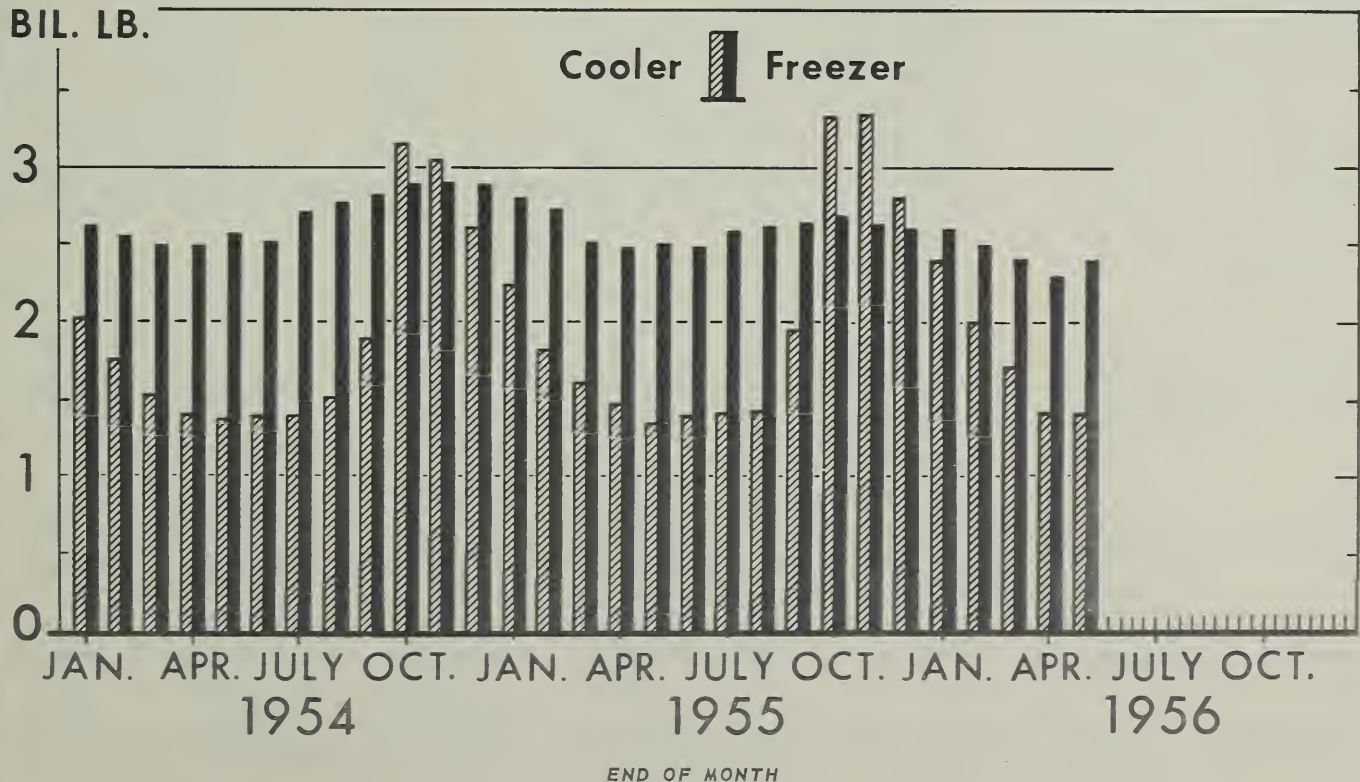


TABLE 2. -- End-of-month stocks of fruits, vegetables, and nuts

Net changes in stocks during May and comparisons:

Fresh apples: Decreased by 3 million bushels; May 1955 decrease was 2 million bushels; average May decrease was 2 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by 86 thousand bushels; May 1955 decrease was 107 thousand bushels, average May decrease was 66 thousand bushels.

Commodity	Unit	May 1951-55 av.	May 1955	April 1956	May 1956
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Apples, fresh:					
Western (1)	Standard boxes	1,020	1,107	2,557	929
Western	Other containers	37	28	121	4
Eastern	Bushel baskets	277	219	367	124
Eastern	Other containers	313	323	818	208
Total	Bushel	1,647	1,677	3,863	1,265
Pears, fresh:					
Bartletts	Boxes, baskets, etc.	4	-	1	-
Bartletts	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	1	-
Other varieties	Boxes, baskets, etc.	23	19	116	37
Other varieties	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	13	5
Total	Boxes, baskets, etc.	(3) 27	(3) 19	131	42
Other fruits, vegetables, and nuts:					
Fresh grapes	Pound	-	163	87	375
Other fresh fruits . . .	do.	11,747	9,845	5,519	8,269
Dried & evaporated fruits	do.	45,461	41,869	37,791	42,467
Onions	do.	4,575	7,932	9,103	4,097
Celery	do.	918	494	431	449
Other fresh vegetables .	do.	51,156	47,623	42,080	31,695
Nut meats, peanuts . . .	do.	48,243	44,543	104,805	97,063
Nut meats, other nuts . .	do.	37,334	31,618	49,424	51,124
Peanuts, in shell	do.	2,665	6,189	7,580	6,602
Other nuts, in shell . . .	do.	41,322	23,547	53,136	41,982

(1) Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

(2) Not reported separately prior to January 31, 1956.

(3) In terms of bushels.

(4) Data not available.

TABLE 3. — End-of-month stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during May and comparisons:

Frozen fruits: Increased by 26 million pounds; May 1955 change was a decrease of 14 million pounds; average May decrease was 6 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 11 million pounds; May 1955 decrease was 30 million pounds; average May decrease was 18 million pounds.

Frozen orange juice: Increased by 10 million gallons, May 1955 increase was 7 million gallons; average May increase was 6 million gallons

Commodity	May 1951-55 av. 1,000 pounds	May 1955 1,000 pounds	April 1956 1,000 pounds	May 1956 1,000 pounds
Fruits, frozen:				
Apples	24,858	32,303	42,826	37,874
Apricots	2,081	1,442	6,782	6,390
Blackberries	5,186	5,044	6,123	5,220
Blueberries	9,346	15,010	12,426	9,160
Cherries	23,469	23,036	33,075	25,558
Grapes	8,657	7,101	9,566	7,743
Peaches	13,828	15,378	25,493	21,849
Plums and prunes	5,029	5,693	7,397	6,609
Raspberries	13,026	18,311	16,816	13,977
Strawberries	59,295	48,914	64,995	116,866
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	4,518	6,282	8,347	8,320
All other fruits	21,154	29,851	22,183	22,218
Total	190,447	208,365	256,029	281,784
Juices, frozen:				
Orange juice	289,710	389,350	293,213	394,172
Gallons equivalent (1)	29,264	39,328	29,617	39,815
Other fruit juices and purees .	93,866	117,288	141,754	143,919
Vegetables, frozen:				
Asparagus	14,227	15,711	11,439	21,774
Beans, lima	44,377	54,662	55,701	46,401
Beans, snap	27,042	36,489	38,245	31,442
Broccoli	31,009	23,400	34,277	32,548
Brussels sprouts	13,583	18,827	12,229	10,234
Cauliflower	10,668	8,358	13,806	11,921
Corn, sweet	26,816	50,997	31,275	23,361
Mixed vegetables	(2)	(2)	12,281	10,868
Peas, green	55,783	42,112	44,314	47,573
Peas and carrots, mixed	(2)	(2)	5,596	4,902
Potatoes, french fried	(2)	(2)	39,557	43,166
Spinach	44,898	41,069	48,731	57,346
All other vegetables	86,690	104,829	79,749	74,230
Total	355,093	396,454	427,200	415,766

(1) Converted on the basis of 9.9 pounds per gallon.
(2) Data not available.

TABLE 4.-- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during May and comparisons:

Cream: Increased by 10 million pounds; May 1955 increase was 13 million pounds; average May increase was 14 million pounds.

Butter: Increased by 2 million pounds; May 1955 increase was 15 million pounds; average May increase was 27 million pounds.

Cheese: Increased by 22 million pounds; May 1955 increase was 27 million pounds; average May increase was 33 million pounds.

Shell eggs: Increased by 555 thousand cases; May 1955 increase was 905 thousand cases; average May increase was 850 thousand cases.

Frozen eggs: Increased by 43 million pounds; May 1955 increase was 45 million pounds; average May increase was 39 million pounds.

Frozen poultry: Decreased by 14 million pounds; May 1955 decrease was 20 million pounds; average May decrease was 17 million pounds.

Commodity	Unit	May 1951-55 av. Thou.	May 1955 Thou.	April 1956 Thou.	May 1956 Thou.
Cream, milk, and butter:					
Fluid cream	Pound	20,120	16,931	9,821	17,351
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)	do.	3,183	3,221	2,438	4,869
Condensed milk (bulk)	do.	14,606	8,271	8,740	12,187
Evap. and Cond, milk (case goods)	do.	20,578	17,088	5,830	8,526
Butter, creamery.	do.	199,434	308,154	78,882	80,551
Cheese:					
American Cheddar.	do.	320,554	493,909	426,887	447,918
Swiss, including block	do.	8,100	8,831	7,058	6,597
All other varieties	do.	20,569	24,999	22,334	23,825
Total cheese.	do.	349,223	527,739	456,279	478,340
Eggs:					
Shell	Case	2,027	2,088	638	1,193
Frozen eggs, total.	Pound	155,746	170,933	94,569	138,024
Whites.	do.	47,786	49,771	25,111	38,489
Yolks	do.	35,315	43,138	28,814	37,714
Whole or mixed.	do.	64,824	71,196	35,376	54,280
Unclassified	do.	7,821	6,828	5,268	7,541
Dried eggs (egg solids)	do.	14,509	3,207	3,380	4,616
Total eggs (1).	Case	7,494	6,842	3,425	5,231
Poultry, frozen:					
Broilers or fryers	Pound	17,455	9,325	21,514	19,991
Roasters.	do.	7,611	2,692	4,891	4,731
Hens, fowls	do.	27,760	15,095	28,374	22,992
Turkeys	do.	59,949	60,229	49,149	40,204
Ducks	do.	5,487	5,202	3,063	4,560
Miscellaneous	do.	7,595	4,328	6,529	7,098
Unclassified	do.	16,012	10,438	19,292	18,984
Total poultry	do.	141,869	107,309	132,812	118,560

(1) Case equivalent. Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 38.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10.2 pounds to the case.

TABLE 5. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products, by States,
May 31, 1956

State	Cream		Creamery butter	American cheese	Shell eggs	Frozen eggs	Total poultry
	Fluid	Plastic					
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 cases	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Massachusetts	109	60	1,335	1,865	20	1,699	3,500
Other States			512	131	10	585	1,403
New England			1,847	1,996	30	2,284	4,903
New York	10,143	1,757	8,228	71,779	84	7,233	13,628
New Jersey	380		4,659	7,385	123	4,554	6,632
Pennsylvania	2,349	923	2,366	10,083	35	3,448	8,224
Middle Atlantic			15,253	89,247	242	15,235	28,484
Ohio	1,009		1,549	13,099	21	5,804	3,731
Indiana	3		296	1,779	5	4,248	671
Illinois	494		21,928	26,215	504	20,241	10,946
Michigan	363		556	8,266	26	2,237	2,385
Wisconsin			3,453	167,118	3	444	852
East North Central			27,782	216,477	559	32,974	18,585
Minnesota	98	351	18,077	14,136	39	4,267	2,580
Iowa	140		5,605	1,892	13	10,711	744
Missouri	53	246	1,004	45,874	54	26,631	3,510
Dakotas			447	73		368	59
Nebraska	135		1,588	1,784	40	5,677	4,938
Kansas			910	14,126	21	12,527	924
West North Central			27,631	77,885	167	60,181	12,755
South Atlantic			1,632	21,687	38	4,937	16,213
Kentucky			560	8,650	6	701	839
Tennessee			376	9,883	10	3,064	968
Ala. and Mississippi			347	4,354	1	293	954
East South Central			1,283	22,887	17	4,058	2,761
Arkansas and Louisiana			604	1,599	6	1,821	2,279
Oklahoma	230		510	625		2,947	736
Texas	14	1	719	3,187	27	6,189	4,153
West South Central			1,833	5,411	33	10,957	7,168
Colorado			696	442	22	395	1,029
Other States			437	2,010	4	157	2,177
Mountain			1,133	2,452	26	552	3,206
Washington			782	280	8	1,018	1,801
Oregon			379	4,760	10	217	2,736
California	206	38	996	4,836	63	5,611	19,948
Pacific			2,157	9,876	81	6,846	24,485
Other States	1,625	1,493					
United States	17,351	4,869	80,551	447,918	1,193	138,024	118,560

TABLE 6. — End-of-month stocks of meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during May and comparisons:

Beef: Decreased by 14 million pounds; May 1955 decrease was 13 million pounds; average May decrease was 19 million pounds.

Pork: Decreased by 51 million pounds; May 1955 decrease was 62 million pounds; average May decrease was 62 million pounds.

Other meats: Decreased by 9 million pounds; May 1955 decrease was 7 million pounds; average May decrease was 6 million pounds.

Commodity	May 1951-55 av. 1,000 pounds	May 1955 1,000 pounds	April 1956 1,000 pounds	May 1956 1,000 pounds
Beef:				
Frozen	141,843	111,175	162,237	148,801
In cure, cured and smoked	9,130	8,173	9,507	8,616
Total	150,973	119,348	171,744	157,417
Pork:				
Frozen	356,368	344,034	396,590	350,686
Dry salt, in cure and cured	44,270	33,347	25,415	25,589
Other in cure, cured, and smoked	132,427	99,647	88,225	83,133
Total	533,065	477,028	510,230	459,408
Other meats and meat products:				
Sausage and sausage room products	15,468	13,306	15,904	15,342
Frozen lamb and mutton	10,963	9,957	8,976	8,444
Frozen veal	11,104	11,245	16,241	14,185
Canned meats and meat products	53,041	55,165	79,124	76,893
All edible offal	54,460	53,692	58,569	54,604
Total	145,036	143,365	178,814	169,468
Total all meats	829,074	739,741	860,788	786,293
Hides and pelts	65,412	90,301	59,693	57,182

Table 7. -- End-of-month stocks of fishery products (1)

Species	May 1955	April 1956	May 1956
	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
Frozen fish:			
Bait & animal food (salt & fresh-water.....)	9,406	9,569	11,922
Salt-water:			
Fillets and steaks:			
Blocks and slabs.....	11,507	9,824	8,932
Cod.....	7,293	7,441	7,234
Flounder.....	2,499	3,527	3,530
Haddock.....	9,660	11,832	12,068
Halibut.....	1,893	1,672	1,268
Ocean perch.....	6,631	8,795	8,885
Pollock.....	297	946	814
Salmon.....	290	231	201
Whiting (incl. split "butterfly").....	439	1,433	741
Other fillets and steaks.....	3,750	2,768	2,690
Fish sticks or pieces (cooked & uncooked, all species).....	5,578	6,495	6,033
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Halibut.....	9,871	1,846	4,331
Mackerel (except Spanish).....	677	939	766
Sablefish.....	1,187	1,316	1,075
Salmon:			
King or chinook.....	1,590	673	1,147
Silver or coho.....	922	612	457
Fall or chum.....	279	141	89
Unclassified.....	676	467	681
Smelt.....	1,981	850	981
Swordfish.....	2,233	1,378	1,404
Tuna.....	881	92	61
Whiting, headed and gutted.....	4,757	6,074	6,357
Other salt-water fish (except bait)....	15,449	11,787	10,870
Fresh-water:			
Fillets and steaks.....	525	220	1,043
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Chubs.....	989	503	444
Trout.....	963	927	861
Whitefish.....	1,258	1,424	1,008
Other fresh-water fish (except bait)...	3,753	2,996	3,961
Frozen shellfish:			
Crabs (incl. crab meat).....	624	2,088	2,282
Lobster tails (spiny).....	3,390	3,690	4,094
Oysters.....	751	722	631
Scallops.....	1,043	1,502	1,639
Shrimp, raw and headless.....	9,307	11,018	8,572
all other.....	3,242	5,019	4,501
Squid.....	1,342	234	741
Other shellfish.....	1,966	1,690	1,800
Total frozen fish and shellfish.....	128,899	122,741	124,114
Cured fish.....	14,618	14,713	15,844
Total all fish and shellfish.....	143,517	137,454	139,958

(1) Data furnished by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

TABLE 8. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions. May 31, 1956

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Fruits, frozen:											
Apples	Pound	1,947	12,625	6,929	1,800	9,981	237	1,021	193	3,141	37,874
Apricots	do.	114	403	661	491	89	1	175	67	4,398	6,390
Blackberries	do.	25	697	884	1,423	168	534	487	21	981	5,220
Blueberries	do.	1,494	2,394	2,965	641	506	154	106	42	858	9,160
Cherries	do.	231	10,112	7,277	2,444	762	234	593	703	3,202	25,558
Grapes	do.	5	3,493	3,829	188	30	83	20	21	74	7,743
Peaches	do.	580	5,010	3,712	1,563	4,533	484	909	236	4,822	21,849
Plums and prunes	do.	26	2,633	2,160	142	47	245	198	18	1,140	6,609
Raspberries	do.	862	3,911	2,738	1,811	351	229	292	221	3,562	13,977
Strawberries	do.	4,674	15,166	14,798	10,642	6,307	20,670	5,349	1,111	38,149	116,866
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	do.	13	613	697	235	46	181	198	166	6,171	8,320
All other fruits	do.	3,656	3,247	3,428	1,629	1,114	394	923	328	7,499	22,218
Total	do.	13,627	60,304	50,078	23,009	23,925	23,446	10,271	3,127	73,997	281,784
Juices, frozen:											
Orange juice (1)	do.	4,856	18,359	14,312	6,468	318,821	1,414	4,023	1,281	24,638	394,172
Other fruit juices and purees	do.	3,118	28,369	17,339	10,780	49,689	1,498	6,696	1,432	24,998	143,919
Vegetables, frozen:											
Asparagus	do.	499	3,133	1,397	982	1,986	303	460	305	12,709	21,774
Beans, lima	do.	784	9,730	4,276	3,729	7,964	2,180	1,082	1,033	15,623	46,401
Beans, snap.	do.	905	9,181	2,499	2,183	5,077	902	779	148	9,768	31,442
Broccoli	do.	725	4,854	1,828	2,228	1,883	752	1,079	304	18,895	32,548
Brussels sprouts	do.	259	2,218	919	985	704	560	475	125	3,989	10,234
Cauliflower	do.	403	2,619	1,062	1,041	1,263	472	743	185	4,133	11,921
Corn, sweet.	do.	519	5,493	2,592	4,562	1,148	631	1,092	274	7,050	23,361
Mixed vegetables	do.	194	1,774	943	1,648	1,009	185	284	221	4,610	10,868
Peas, green.	do.	1,700	10,256	4,639	3,354	2,483	1,139	1,617	552	21,833	47,573
Peas and carrots, mixed.	do.	141	828	272	446	361	92	160	229	2,373	4,902
Potatoes, french fried	do.	14,637	5,242	3,163	6,144	1,817	529	287	6,224	5,123	43,166
Spinach	do.	661	10,725	2,742	5,745	5,687	2,268	2,069	730	26,719	57,346
All other vegetables	do.	2,423	12,177	10,308	9,278	14,843	3,901	2,829	1,372	17,099	74,230
Total	do.	23,850	78,230	36,640	42,325	46,225	13,914	12,956	11,702	149,924	415,766
Fruits, vegetables and nuts:											
Fresh grapes	do.	-	354	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	375
Other fresh fruits	do.	383	2,540	1,309	304	1,255	164	202	-	2,112	8,269
Dried and evaporated fruits.	do.	1,148	23,841	7,302	1,165	1,725	571	979	11	5,725	42,467
Onions	do.	-	1,675	1,237	24	573	-	270	-	318	4,097
Celery	do.	-	222	200	15	10	-	2	-	-	449
Other fresh vegetables	do.	3,098	7,051	5,417	6,173	1,503	1,010	1,109	1,009	5,325	31,695
Peanut meats	do.	2,138	1,811	4,963	984	64,143	4,573	18,143	-	308	97,063
Other nut meats.	do.	2,020	13,333	5,452	3,336	2,380	1,122	4,977	79	18,425	51,124
Peanuts, in shell.	do.	38	195	1,255	135	4,728	10	178	-	63	6,602
Other nuts, in shell	do.	503	2,788	2,505	4,259	8,073	1,411	11,946	39	10,458	41,982
Fresh apples	do.	22	211	98	10	31	1,110	11,14	-	869	1,265
Fresh pears.	Bushel	-	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	16	42
Fresh pears.	Boxes(2)	-	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	42

(1) Concentrated and single strength.

(2) Standard boxes, bushel baskets, lugs, etc.

Continued

TABLE 8. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, May 31, 1956 -- Continued

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Dairy products and eggs:											
Cream (not including plastic) . . .	Pound	173	12,872	2,191	426	789	140	291	157	312	17,351
Cream, plastic	do.	173	2,680	798	597	582	-	1	-	38	4,869
Butter, creamery	do.	1,847	15,253	27,782	27,631	1,632	1,283	1,833	1,133	2,157	80,551
Cheese, American Cheddar	do.	1,996	89,247	216,477	77,885	21,687	22,887	5,411	2,452	9,876	447,918
Cheese, Swiss including block . . .	do.	47	486	2,936	2,043	2	-	15	913	155	6,597
Cheese, all other varieties	do.	717	8,522	11,097	732	557	358	835	392	615	23,825
Eggs, shell	Case	30	242	559	167	38	17	33	26	81	1,193
Eggs, frozen	Pound	2,284	15,235	32,974	60,181	4,937	4,058	10,957	552	6,846	138,024
Eggs, dried (egg solids)	do.	35	178	343	4,005	-	-	13	2	40	4,616
Poultry, frozen:											
Broilers or fryers	do.	847	3,324	2,028	2,215	4,629	763	2,433	465	3,287	19,991
Roasters	do.	551	2,193	711	559	212	-	81	86	338	4,731
Hens, fowls	do.	880	7,824	3,953	3,232	772	337	1,034	35	4,925	22,992
Turkeys	do.	1,857	9,158	5,240	4,019	3,002	494	2,749	1,637	12,048	40,204
Ducks	do.	279	2,065	908	271	233	53	194	60	497	4,560
Miscellaneous	do.	413	2,364	1,932	1,126	106	86	128	122	821	7,098
Unclassified	do.	76	1,556	3,813	1,333	7,259	1,028	549	801	2,569	18,984
Total	do.	4,903	28,484	18,585	12,755	16,213	2,761	7,168	3,206	24,485	118,560
Meats, meat products and fish:											
Beef, frozen	do.	12,249	22,120	45,213	24,543	4,619	4,832	12,687	3,239	19,299	148,801
Veal, frozen	do.	900	3,788	3,663	2,095	645	309	1,566	198	1,021	14,185
Pork, frozen	do.	8,182	25,111	122,767	129,029	17,614	12,968	15,404	3,909	15,702	350,686
Lamb and mutton, frozen	do.	476	1,499	2,073	1,593	149	67	1,189	485	913	8,444
Beef, in cure, cured and smoked .	do.	203	2,928	2,292	2,219	448	9	120	6	391	8,616
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured .	do.	77	619	7,374	12,633	1,977	505	1,320	852	232	25,589
All other pork, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	250	7,691	15,356	42,326	5,913	1,559	4,017	1,321	4,700	83,133
All edible offal	do.	1,357	3,892	18,761	20,612	1,782	1,875	1,578	2,037	2,710	54,604
Sausage room products	do.	275	3,355	3,667	4,286	1,371	302	286	175	1,625	15,342
Canned meats and meat products .	do.	9,064	13,502	19,191	27,700	1,172	989	1,323	176	3,776	76,893
Total	do.	33,033	84,505	240,357	267,036	35,690	23,415	39,490	12,398	50,369	786,293
Hides and pelts	do.	1,458	1,984	15,746	30,154	1,811	623	2,584	1,604	1,218	57,182
Fish, frozen	do.	37,717	27,393	14,777	6,911	5,961	6,541	1,635	683	(1)22,496	124,114

(1) Includes fish in Alaska.

Table 9. — Commodities stored in public general cold storage warehouses,
April 30, 1956

Cooler commodities	Net Weight	Freezer commodities	Net Weight
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>		<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Apples.....	24,096	Cream.....	10,111
Pears.....	3,550	Butter, creamery.....	69,514
Other fresh fruits.....	5,523	Eggs.....	81,001
Fresh vegetables.....	45,155	Poultry.....	118,119
Dried & evap. fruits....	36,542	Fruits.....	199,746
Nuts & nut meats.....	170,862	Juices.....	216,425
Cheese.....	319,854	Vegetables.....	317,482
Other dairy products....	14,152	Beef.....	127,294
Shell eggs.....	27,630	Veal.....	10,969
Dried eggs.....	2,508	Pork.....	285,840
Beef.....	1,915	Lamb and mutton.....	5,063
Pork.....	2,406	Edible offal.....	25,142
Sausage.....	1,151	Sausage.....	4,205
Canned meats.....	51,558	Fish.....	110,456
Lard.....	45,595	Miscellaneous.....	63,943
Fish.....	13,185		
Miscellaneous.....	118,123		
Total.....	883,805	Total.....	1,645,310

Table 10.— End-of-month stocks of certain commodities in storage owned by the
Government (1)

Commodity	Unit	May 1951-55 av.	May 1955	April 1956	May 1956 (2)
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	158,703	254,115	42,729	33,097
American Cheddar cheese.....	do.	154,168	303,249	234,964	217,716
Pork.....	do.	(3)	10,231	12,320	11,734
Beef.....	do.	(3)	6,152	4,817	4,526

(1) Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed Services, and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the Armed Services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available.

(2) Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

(3) Data not available.

Table 11.—United States refrigerated net piling space capacity, October 1, 1953 1/

State or geographic region	Type of warehouse							
	Public general		Private & semiprivate general		Meat-packing plants		Apple houses	
	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	1,221	462	472	24	2/	2/	7	963
Massachusetts.....	7,539	2,845	650	545	2/	2/	14	2,309
Rhode Island & Conn.....	1,106	333	176	70	2/	2/	2	2,367
NEW ENGLAND.....	9,866	3,640	1,298	639	574	84	23	5,639
New York.....	19,477	22,852	1,886	2,993	560	3,452	401	14,558
New Jersey.....	12,138	4,711	505	292	281	103	35	1,984
Pennsylvania.....	8,668	6,267	1,113	1,009	117	864	124	3,641
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	40,283	33,830	3,504	4,294	958	4,419	560	20,183
Ohio.....	7,309	4,774	423	222	325	1,853	18	897
Indiana.....	1,831	644	518	403	312	445	-	443
Illinois.....	15,111	15,671	4,876	2,934	1,958	5,122	-	1,539
Michigan.....	5,308	4,096	1,752	1,461	227	847	(57	(2,475
Wisconsin.....	2,012	6,014	522	3,820	1,593	1,788	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	31,571	31,199	8,091	8,840	4,415	10,055	75	5,354
Minnesota.....	5,001	1,085	1,152	97	1,648	1,577	-	-
Iowa.....	3,296	609	755	503	2,630	1,930	-	-
Missouri.....	8,340	5,165	232	305	956	2,234	2/	2/
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	4,148	732	1,533	439	2,652	4,300	-	-
Kansas.....	2,909	7,273	747	227	621	1,785	2/	2/
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	23,694	14,864	4,419	1,571	8,507	11,826	5	735
Delaware, Maryland & D. C..	7,132	872	272	119	2/	2/	-	986
Virginia and W. Virginia...	2,858	6,811	940	1,416	-	184	480	14,587
North and South Carolina...	694	482	347	214	2/	2/	9	326
Georgia.....	2,396	3,504	631	207	408	486	-	-
Florida.....	5,081	1,129	9,588	35	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	18,161	12,798	11,778	1,991	457	1,016	489	15,899
Kentucky.....	953	889	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
Tennessee.....	3,974	2,081	257	3	274	429	2/	2/
Alabama and Mississippi....	1,008	1,094	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	5,935	4,064	387	119	329	529	2/	2/
Arkansas.....	488	256	(540	(52	2/	2/	2/	2/
Louisiana.....	1,542	972	100	103	2/	2/	2/	2/
Oklahoma.....	1,120	602	219	714	809	1,790	-	-
Texas.....	9,755	4,102	859	869	1,014	1,486	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	12,905	5,932	859	869	1,846	3,280	2/	2/
MOUNTAIN.....	4,571	1,556	1,143	238	1,064	764	2/	2/
Washington.....	7,974	2,091	4,348	837	339	1,152	259	52,376
Oregon.....	6,845	2,039	3,234	820	(352	(1,664	-	6,489
California.....	21,756	12,198	3,759	11,936	-	-	831	6,097
PACIFIC.....	36,575	16,328	11,341	13,593	691	2,816	1,090	64,962
UNITED STATES.....	183,561	124,211	42,820	32,154	18,841	34,789	2,252	113,548

1/ Total storage capacity in the United States and the lowest temperature at which it could be held as reported by the latest biennial survey, October 1, 1953.

2/ Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual plant reports.

TABLE 12-- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general refrigerated warehouses

State or geographic region	Net piling space reported (1) May 1956		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			May 1951-55 av.		May 1955		April 1956		May 1956	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.	434	1,484	53	62	64	49	26	42	30	45
Massachusetts	2,501	6,538	48	73	60	80	80	67	80	64
R. I. and Connecticut	284	795	55	67	49	67	30	47	50	41
New England	3,219	8,817	50	70	59	73	69	61	71	59
New York	22,137	17,804	50	63	51	63	46	56	45	56
New Jersey	3,664	9,238	72	75	75	66	51	51	60	47
Pennsylvania	4,787	8,717	60	81	64	76	58	74	58	73
Middle Atlantic	30,588	35,759	56	70	57	66	49	59	49	58
Ohio	3,390	6,504	63	82	61	79	57	69	62	74
Indiana	708	2,060	65	83	73	73	69	75	72	72
Illinois	13,846	13,901	73	80	73	80	63	78	68	75
Michigan	4,725	4,175	66	81	62	71	60	62	55	65
Wisconsin	5,375	2,006	74	79	71	75	71	59	75	65
East North Central	28,044	28,646	71	80	70	78	64	72	66	72
Minnesota	1,601	4,737	81	84	89	83	83	78	83	75
Iowa	511	2,775	75	83	94	82	78	83	73	71
Missouri	4,906	7,405	78	84	78	76	65	70	70	72
Dakotas and Nebraska	1,007	3,770	77	75	93	59	65	70	70	67
Kansas	8,993	5,448	67	76	69	43	58	76	63	76
West North Central	17,018	24,135	75	81	76	68	64	75	68	73
Delaware, Maryland & D.C. Virginia and West Va.	1,282 4,848	5,408 2,750	73 42	61 71	60 39	55 70	50 31	47 65	53 33	47 68
North and South Carolina	556	789	61	87	40	90	26	77	28	78
Georgia	3,612	2,308	85	86	60	82	91	89	93	92
Florida	1,130	10,297	70	77	78	88	64	64	75	76
South Atlantic	11,428	21,552	61	73	51	74	55	63	58	69
Kentucky	955	1,171	52	47	92	78	66	68	71	71
Tennessee	2,153	3,765	72	84	67	79	75	78	72	87
Alabama and Mississippi	742	840	76	88	81	78	32	72	62	72
East South Central	3,850	5,776	74	84	76	78	66	75	70	82
Arkansas	210	441	49	80	54	77	53	54	53	66
Louisiana	916	1,333	79	72	74	54	60	71	60	69
Oklahoma	558	1,214	67	85	58	78	68	65	57	71
Texas	6,124	6,541	62	57	53	49	67	64	63	62
West South Central	7,808	9,529	64	62	56	54	66	64	62	64
Mountain	1,365	4,555	64	67	64	64	62	68	66	67
Washington	1,643	7,371	41	35	25	25	36	29	20	28
Oregon	838	6,213	42	27	47	19	32	19	32	21
California	11,376	23,054	50	70	45	57	41	65	34	70
Pacific	13,857	36,638	48	54	42	44	40	50	32	53
United States (4)	117,177	175,407	62	71	60	65	56	63	57	64

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held May 31, 1956.

(2) Preliminary

(3) Insufficient returns received from this State.

(4) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

TABLE 13--- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general warehouses in selected cities

City (1)	Net piling space reported (2)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			April 1955		May 1955		April 1956		May 1956	
	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.
New England:										
Boston	1,695	4,709	54	88	65	83	92	63	97	60
Middle Atlantic:										
New York	6,197	8,405	82	71	86	72	83	65	84	65
Jersey City.	3,381	5,997	73	76	79	74	52	53	63	51
Buffalo.	564	1,788	97	66	88	67	99	45	99	46
Rochester.	6,731	2,339	32	42	28	35	19	38	14	32
Philadelphia	1,728	5,654	70	71	81	69	83	72	84	70
Pittsburgh	1,488	2,108	62	82	66	81	60	79	58	79
E. N. Central:										
Cleveland.	2,077	2,631	47	76	54	78	57	68	62	77
Cincinnati	(3)	(3)	53	77	71	74	44	64	(3)	(3)
Chicago.	10,743	13,078	71	82	74	80	65	78	71	75
Detroit.	4,169	3,865	62	75	65	74	57	65	53	68
Milwaukee.	659	1,389	58	75	73	77	49	70	52	73
W. N. Central:										
Minneapolis.	970	2,465	89	82	98	82	93	84	95	79
St. Louis.	2,048	3,496	69	88	64	88	69	78	69	79
Kansas City	1,621	5,330	52	43	58	43	68	78	77	78
South Atlantic:										
Baltimore & D. C.	1,208	5,121	72	60	62	56	49	47	53	47
Richmond	940	721	55	67	69	65	56	63	62	66
Norfolk	(3)	(3)	81	67	79	64	80	93	(3)	(3)
E. S. Central:										
Nashville.	(3)	(3)	85	81	68	84	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Memphis.	412	1,627	68	76	66	77	53	76	55	83
W. S. Central:										
New Orleans.	787	1,094	65	72	72	47	57	67	58	64
Dallas	3,943	3,536	51	44	51	43	68	66	63	64
Ft. Worth.	947	1,124	55	55	56	53	70	55	61	50
Pacific:										
Seattle.	685	1,555	47	39	32	35	63	38	35	36
Tacoma	353	1,984	13	17	10	13	9	22	7	20
Portland	363	3,618	68	30	67	22	57	21	54	25
Los Angeles.	2,932	7,079	63	69	57	61	56	77	48	75
San Francisco.	2,389	3,605	69	70	74	68	42	68	39	70
San Jose	2,209	3,397	13	40	15	45	14	51	14	64
Modesto	966	2,340	55	56	35	65	39	58	22	87

(1) Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25-mile radius of city named.

(2) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held May 31, 1956.

(3) Insufficient returns received from this city.

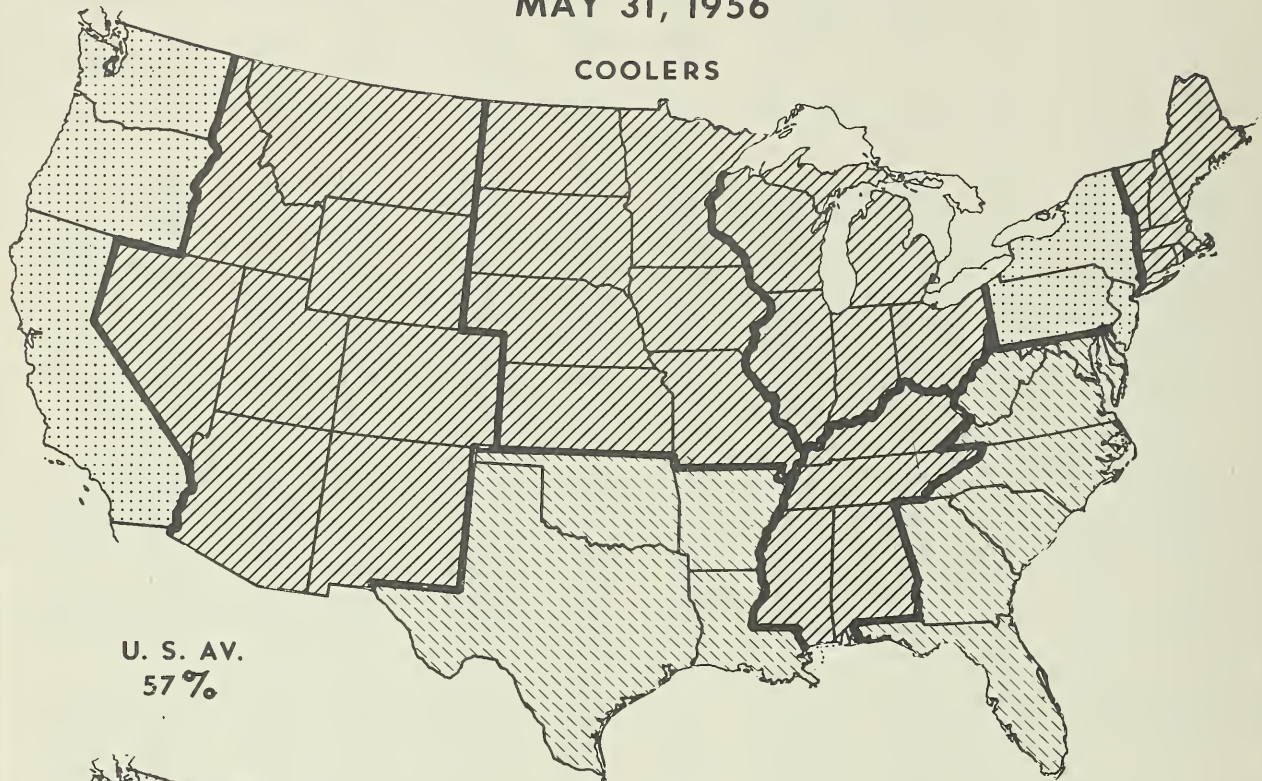
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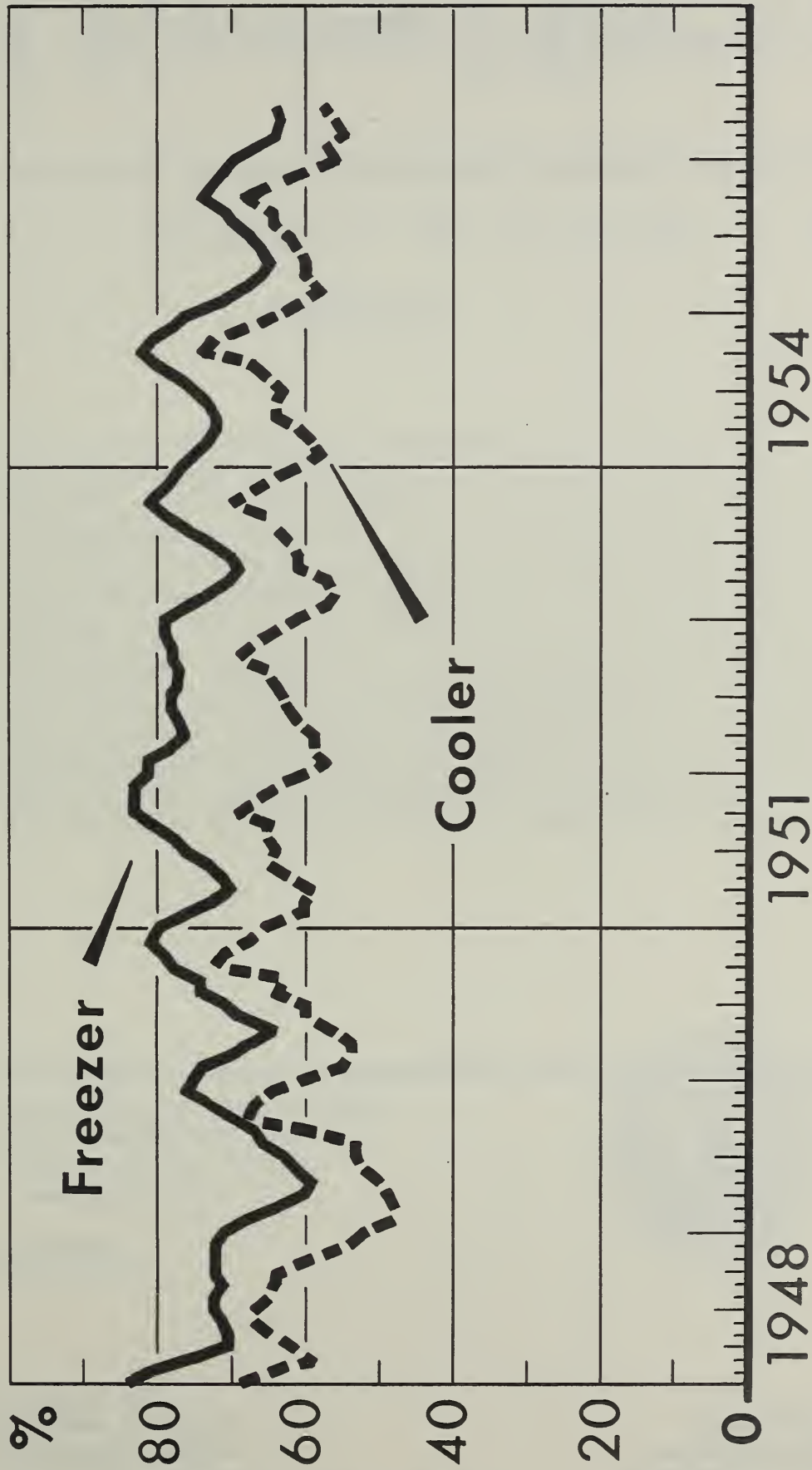


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